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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An open-type disposable wearing article comprising:

~~having a~~ an elastically stretchable front waist region, region;

~~a~~ an elastically stretchable rear waist region; and

~~a~~ an elastically stretchable crotch region extending between said front waist region and said rear waist region and, regions, all being elastically stretchable, said front and rear waist regions being capable of connecting connectable with each other in opposite lateral zones thereof; ~~said open-type disposable wearing article further comprising:~~

~~said wearing article having~~ a first stretchable zone bifurcated at a transverse middle of said crotch region so as to extend in two laterally separated portions to said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region, said first stretchable zone having a substantially uniform tensile stress; region;

a second stretchable zone bifurcated at said transverse middle of said crotch region so as to extend in two laterally separated portions to said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region, said second stretchable zone having a substantially uniform tensile stress; and

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third stretchable zones defined by zones other than said first and second stretchable zones, including extending between the two laterally separated portions of each of the first stretchable zone and the second stretchable zone and along lateral side portions of at least the crotch region, a tensile stretch stress of said first and second stretchable zones being higher than a tensile stretch stress of said third stretchable zones; and

first engageable means ~~used to connect~~ for connecting said front and rear waist regions with each other, said first engageable means being provided in said second stretchable zone in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region; and

first receiving means releasably ~~engaged~~ engageable with said first engageable means, said first receiving means being provided in said first stretchable zone in said opposite lateral zones.

Claim 2 (Original): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first stretchable zone and said second stretchable zone are contiguous to each other at said transverse middle of said crotch region.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first engageable means ~~are~~ comprise first loop members attached to an inner surface of said rear waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof and said first receiving means ~~are~~ comprise first hook members attached to an outer surface of said front waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof.

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Claim 4 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein second engageable means ~~used to connect~~ for connecting said front and rear waist regions ~~to one another~~ are provided in said third stretchable zones lying in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region and second receiving means ~~for releasably engaged with~~ engaging said second engageable means are provided in said third stretchable zones lying in said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 4, wherein said second engageable means ~~are~~ comprise second hook members attached to said inner surface of said rear waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof and said second receiving means ~~are~~ comprise second loop members attached to said outer surface of said front waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof.

Claim 6 (Original): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first stretchable zone lying in said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region and said second stretchable zone lying in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region are substantially connected with each other as said first engageable means are engaged with said first receiving means to put said wearing article on the wearer's body.

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Claim 7 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said wearing article ~~is formed by~~ further comprises an elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric having a basis weight thereof higher in said first and second stretchable zones than in said third stretchable zones.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first and second stretchable zones ~~exhibit~~ have a tensile stretch stress in a range of 0.25-30N when a width of said zones is 15 mm and said zones are stretched by 15% and a tensile stretch stress in a range of 0.6-50N when a width of said zones is 15 mm and said zones are stretched by 40% and wherein said third stretchable zone ~~exhibits~~ have a tensile stretch stress in a range of 0.17-20N when a width of said zone is 15 mm and said zone is stretched by 15% and a tensile stretch stress in a range of 0.4-33N when a width of said zone is 15 mm and said zone is stretched by 40%.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said wearing article ~~used as~~ comprises a diaper cover adapted to be used together in combination with an absorbent pad that is attached to a surface of said wearing article that faces ~~facing~~ a wearer's body.